

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
15 July 2007
10 o'clock in the morning



Welcome to this service of worship at First Congregational Church on this summer Sunday. It is a joy to welcome our own Rev. Kitty Garlid as our preacher this morning. In addition to being a member of our congregation, Kitty serves as the Director of Spiritual Care as part of the Greenwich Hospital Chaplaincy Department. May this hour spent together in God's presence integrate our minds, bodies, spirits, and hearts to the glory and service of God.

First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

PRELUDE

Prélude Pastoral (from Deuxième Suite)

Terence J. Flanagan, organ

Léon Boëllmann

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the red book.

Rev. Ronald E. Halvorsen

PRAISING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

***‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSION**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *New Century Hymnal 42*

OPENING PRAYER

Immersed in the mystery of abundance and inner need, we pause in the midst of the journey O God of provision. Touch us in this hour of aspiration that we might be drawn toward your plan for our lives, and energized for faithful response through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bountiful God, we often survey the empty fields of our lives and see not promises, but pain; not possibility, but problems. Whenever we labor, it seems too hard to break new ground, and too easy to lose sight of the harvest. Though we may succeed in planting, we grow weary waiting for luxuriant growth. Send the rains of your Spirit upon us that we may be nourished and stand tall in the sunshine of your love. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

‡CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON

Enid Norris

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

ANTHEM

The Summer Choir; Lisa Flanagan, Soprano

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text is Psalm 34: 8

SECOND LESSON

John 21: 1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

*‡HYMN

Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts *New Century Hymnal* 589

As the hymn begins, children are invited to go to the Undercroft with Rosemary for Summer Church School.

RESPONDING TO GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

He comes to us as one
 unknown, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside,
 he came to those
 who knew him not.
He speaks to us the same words,
 “Follow thou me!”
and sets us to the tasks which
 he has to fulfill
 for our time.
He commands.
And to those who obey him,
 whether they be wise or simple,
he reveals himself in the toils,
 the conflicts,
 the sufferings,
which they will pass through
 in his fellowship,
 and,
 as an ineffable mystery,
they will learn in their own experience
 who he is.

Albert Schweitzer

***Gloria Patri**

Pilgrim Hymnal 513

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.*

CALL TO PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND QUIET MEDITATION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ is the World's True Light
Text is found in *Pilgrim Hymnal* #198

The Summer Choir
W.K. Stanton

*Doxology

Pilgrim Hymnal 514
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD

*CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION

Born of God, Eternal Savior *New Century Hymnal* 542

*CLOSING SENTENCES

Leader: *He does not say I was the bread of life...*

People: the true and vital vine, shepherd and door
and light and resurrection.

Leader: *He was indeed but need not say I was.*

People: Only I am and I am with you always.

John Thomas Carlisle

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Final – Marche (from *Duexième Suite*) *Léon Boëllmann*

The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are given in celebration of this day that the Lord has given.

Greeters and Coffee Hour Hosts: Members of the Diaconate

Ushers: Peter Schay, Head Usher

Calendar

TODAY

Child Care is available every Sunday throughout the service for babies and toddlers. During the summer, younger preschool children are also welcome. Please ask the ushers for directions if needed.

Summer Church School continues for older preschool and elementary school children. Older students are always welcome as helpers. Children will go to the Undercroft with Rosemary at the appointed time in the service order.

Blood Pressure Screening - A member of the Wellness Committee is available to check blood pressures in Room 203 following the Worship Service.

NEXT SUNDAY

8 AM Beach Service - Summer Beach Services take place every Sunday morning at Tod's Point. Please join us at the beach, weather permitting, for this service.

NEWS AND NOTICES

Rummage Room - Please note that the Rummage Room will be closed starting Monday, July 30 until the grand reopening on Monday, August 27 at 10am. In addition, there will be no more donations until Tuesday, August 28. Have a great summer!

Young Parisian Musicians coming to Greenwich! - Friday, July 27, 8:00 pm in the Meetinghouse. Requiem of Charles Gounod will be the featured work in a FREE concert presented by the Ile de France Children's Choir, Ile de France Youth Choir and the Maurice-Ravel Youth Symphonic Orchestra under the direction of Francis Bardot. Our own John Stansell will join the orchestra for the Gounod work. John will also perform two movements from Louis Vierne's Organ Symphony II.

In addition, the program will include solo and duet selections from Bach Cantatas performed by various chorus members. The orchestra will also perform extracts from Bizet's Suite No. 2 de l'Arlésienne and Fauré's Elégie with 'cello solo.

Summer "Nights Off" at Tod's Point - On Monday evenings beginning at 5:30 - 6 PM, weather permitting, all women are invited to join together for fellowship and snacks. We meet at the picnic tables along the path that goes around the point. Go past the OG Yacht Club and the Windsurfer's beach and

park in the lot adjacent to the path. Just walk until you see a familiar face or hear the laughter. If you are the first to arrive, pick a table! Just bring a snack and beverage of your choice. Or just bring yourself! There is always more than enough to go around. Friends are always welcome. Questions? Email Rosemary (rosemaryl@fccog.org) or call the office.

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